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Remarks

The foregoing amendments are believed to place the application in condition for immediate allowance.

Claims 8-10 and 14-18 remain in the case. These were indicated as being substantively allowable in the office action of November 7, 2006. The only rejection of these claims in the outstanding office action are §112 rejections.

Claims 8, 9 and 14 have been re-written to stand in independent form. Claims 8 and 9 now incorporate all the limitations of canceled claims 1,4 and 7, with one exception. That exception is the claim 1 limitation "and an average diameter of up to about 300 nanometers". This limitation has not been introduced into claims 8 and 9 because (1) these claims are otherwise specified as having an average diameter of from 10 to 150 nanometers and (2) the removal of that limitation removes the basis of the §112 rejection of these claims.

Therefore, claims 8-10 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 14 as amended incorporates all of the limitations of claims 11, 12 and 13. The wording problem that the Examiner identified in claim 11 has been corrected in the course of amending claim 14. Therefore, claims 14-18 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

A notice of allowance is respectfully solicited. The undersigned is available by telephone if a conversation would help resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,  
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